Colorado for Family Values

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Today's decision is no surprise to the people of Colorado. Our state's courts have already made known their willingness to cast aside the freedoms of those who hold "politically incorrect" beliefs in today's society. But 813,000 Colorado's voters understood, nearly two years ago, that Amendment 2 is not about denying anyone's civil rights or about hostility toward anyone. It's a matter of reason. Those concerned citizens voted to reserve special protection for legitimate minorities and preserved the integrity of civil rights law.

It is important to report that the decision today does not strike Amendment Two from Colorado's constitution—the people's vote still stands. The ruling simply endorses and strengthens the injunction against its enforcement. Not until the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the federal constitutionality can Amendment Two be struck or the injunction removed. In either case, the issue is far from being settled.

The Colorado majority understood that granting minority status to the behavior of homosexuality would lead to grave, inevitable consequences in their daily lives—including public policies mandating the affirmation of homosexual behavior in our schools and every other public arena. It would mean a complete and radical redefinition of the family, marriage and the adoption of children.

The people also understand that outlawing the expression of 2,000 years of Judeo-Christian ethics regarding sexual behavior would normalize not only homosexuality, but also adultery, fornication, polygamy, incest and such other "sexual orientations" as sado-masochism, cross-dressing, pedophilia, bestiality, necrophilia —or as gay activist Andy Humm with the Hetrick Martin Institute recently put it, "whatever one can imagine." In other words, when society rejects moral restraint, anything goes!

The absence of moral restraints creates a vacuum in which democracy cannot operate. Our entire system of government is based on absolute rights and wrongs. This is clearly outlined in our national documents. The alternative is to degrade into a system where there is no absolute right and wrong and institute the age-old belief of "might makes right."

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Attorney General Gale Norton has assured the people of Colorado she will appeal Amendment 2 to the United States Supreme Court. We are quite confident that that body will accept this case, recognizing the potentially tragic legal and social consequences of today's radical departure in civil-rights jurisprudence.

Even though Governor Roy Romer is on record as opposing Amendment 2, was the honorary co-chairman of Amendment 2's primary opponent, marched in the streets on election night with a homosexual mob, and worked behind the scenes to overthrow it after the election, he has announced that he supports the appeal to the United States Supreme Court. His actions and that of the state court illustrate the power-elite's flagrant disregard for the will of the people.

We believe the United States Supreme Court, in keeping with previous rulings on sodomy and suspect class designation, will uphold the constitutionality of Amendment 2.

There is one element of today's decision that came as a surprise to us. Some time ago, homosexual lobbyists announced that they were proclaiming this date to be the "National Coming-Out Day." It was unthinkable to us that the Colorado Supreme Court would be so political as to withhold the announcement of their decision until this date. This is an additional slap in the face of the majority of Coloradans—one they will not forget.

Justice Erickson was the lone voice of reason and jurisprudence on the State Supreme Court, and for that the people of Colorado owe him a debt of gratitude. Justice Erickson confirmed that Amendment 2 did the right thing by serving the interests of the citizens of Colorado in preserving religious and personal privacy and championing legitimate state-wide civil rights laws.

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